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**Cal Poly Engineering Student Wins Top Honor Society Award**

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly industrial engineering senior Laurel Koester has received an Alpha Pi Mu Award of Distinction - one of only 10 such awards given to students selected from 70 Alpha Pi Mu chapters nationwide.

Alpha Pi Mu, the national industrial engineering honor society, presents the Award of Distinction to students with high academic grades, leadership experience and involvement with extracurricular work and activities.

Koester, from Concord, is a member of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and this year served as director of SWE's Evening with Industry banquet. She is also a College of Engineering Ambassador and is active with the Campus Crusade for Christ and Cal Poly's Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE).

Last spring, Koester was elected to serve on the Industrial Engineering Department's Student Academic Fee Committee. She works as a grader and teaching assistant in the university's Statistics and Mechanical Engineering departments.

The Award of Distinction, which comes with a certificate and \$500, will be presented to Koester at the next on-campus Alpha Pi Mu chapter meeting.

The other award winners come from Oklahoma State University, Florida International University, the University of Arkansas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue University, Virginia Tech, Penn State University and New Mexico State University.

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